

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

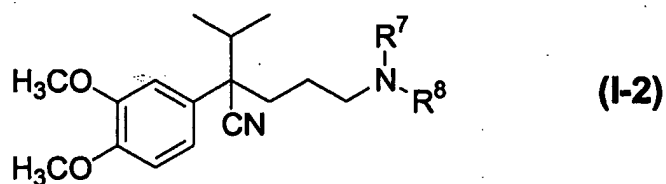
Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): A phenylacetonitrile derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by the following Formula (I-2):



wherein each of R^7 and R^8 is ~~hydrogen atom~~, a C_{1-5} alkyl group or a C_{2-5} alkenyl group, or NR^7R^8 may be a nonaromatic heterocycle having 3-7 members containing one nitrogen atom or an aromatic heterocycle having 5-7 members containing 1-3 nitrogen atoms, and wherein when one of R^7 and R^8 is ~~hydrogen atom~~ or methyl group, the other is C_{2-5} alkyl group or C_{2-5} alkenyl

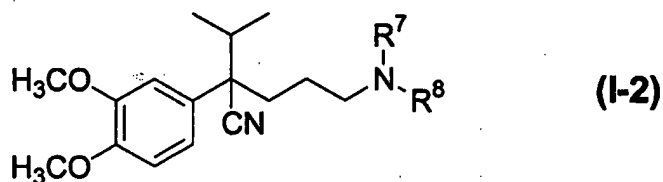
group and when one of R⁷ and R⁸ is C₃₋₅ alkyl group or a C₃₋₅ alkenyl group, the other is a methyl or an ethyl group.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): A method for promoting hair growth, which comprises applying an effective amount of the phenylacetonitrile derivative or the pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by said Formula (I) of claim 1 on skin of mammals.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A method for promoting hair growth according to claim 6, wherein the skin of mammals is human scalp.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

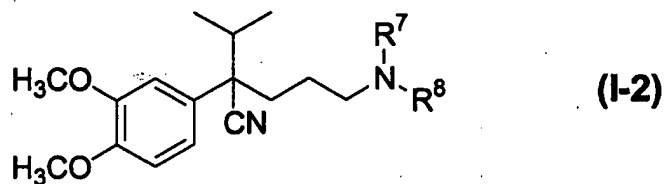
Claim 9 (previously added): A hair growth promoting composition comprising; as an effective ingredient, a phenylacetonitrile derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by the following Formula (I-2):



wherein each of R⁷ and R⁸ is a C₁₋₅ alkyl group or a C₂₋₅ alkenyl group, or NR⁷R⁸ is a nonaromatic heterocycle having 3-7 members containing one nitrogen atom or an aromatic

heterocycle having 5-7 members containing 1-3 nitrogen atoms; and wherein when one of R⁷ and R⁸ is a methyl group, the other is a C₂₋₅ alkyl group or a C₂₋₅ alkenyl group and when one of R⁷ and R⁸ is C₃₋₅ alkyl group or a C₃₋₅ alkenyl group, the other is a methyl or an ethyl group.

Claim 10 (previously added): An external preparation for skin comprising, as an effective ingredient, a phenylacetonitrile derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by the following Formula (I-2):



wherein each of R⁷ and R⁸ is a C₁₋₅ alkyl group or a C₂₋₅ alkenyl group, or NR⁷R⁸ is a nonaromatic heterocycle having 3-7 members containing one nitrogen atom or an aromatic heterocycle having 5-7 members containing 1-3 nitrogen atoms; and wherein when one of R⁷ and R⁸ is a methyl group, the other is a C₂₋₅ alkyl group or a C₂₋₅ alkenyl group and when one of R⁷ and R⁸ is C₃₋₅ alkyl group or a C₃₋₅ alkenyl group, the other is a methyl or an ethyl group.